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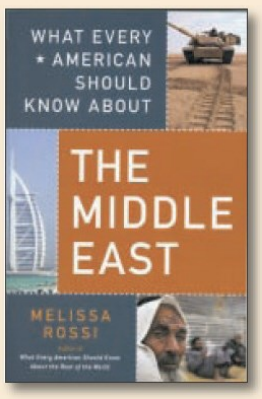

What Every American Should Know About the Middle East (softcover, 493 pages, #ME, $20) is available from First Amendment Books, 645 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Suite 100, Washington, D.C. 20003. Free S&H inside the U.S. Call FAB toll free at 1-888-699-6397 and charge to Visa or MasterCard. Outside U.S. add $11 per book S&H.

What Everyone Needs to Know About the Mideast

By Michael Collins Piper

If you have an expert's knowledge about the Middle East —or none whatsoever—Melissa Rossi's *What Every American Should Know About the Middle East* is the one book—bar none—that you need to read.

You may not agree with all of Rossi's opinions— this reviewer does not—but one thing is guaranteed: you will not find anywhere so comprehensive and so largely balanced an accounting of the region: its players, its politics, its culture, its ideology, all wrapped up in a lively-written, attractively assembled, easy-reading and often amusing 493-page volume.

Miss Rossi is familiar to AMERICAN FREE PRESS readers as the author of such works as *What Every American Should Know About Who's Running America*, but she is more than that. She's a globetrotting correspondent who has written for such "mainstream" publications as *Newsweek*, *National GeographicTraveler*, *Newsday*, *Esquire*, *George* and others. She's also been a guest on the weekly radio talk forum, "The Liberty Hour," co-hosted by *U.S.S. Liberty* survivor Phil Tourney and AFP correspondent Mark Glenn featured on the Internet every Saturday at republicbroadcasting.org.

But—most importantly—despite her ties to the big media, Rossi is an open-minded and engaging no-holds-barred journalist who is not afraid to tackle the one big issue relating to the Middle East: the ever controversial "special relationship" between the United States and its so-called "best ally," Israel.

Miss Rossi recognizes that there are many interests at work in the Middle East itself and in the U.S.-Israeli stance vis-à-vis the Arab and Muslim worlds. And she's up front in expressing her opinions, even as she explores the Middle East in a fascinating and panoramic overview which includes detailed (but never boring) explorations of each of the Middle East states. Every chapter features interesting sub-sections highlighting a variety of facets of each nation's history and of the current events and issues that are impacting upon that nation's place in the world today. There are also many informative maps and photographs that help make the trip all the more enlightening.

While there are many guidebooks to the Middle East, they are largely "traveler-oriented" they generally tend to parrot the official U.S. (and Israeli) propaganda line. Not so with Miss Rossi's book.

You'll find it most informative and you will not find another book that is so comprehensive in its scope and yet, at the same time, so enjoyable.

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